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1. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, REDEYE FUNDING IS NOT INCLUDED IN AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE TO BE FINANCED BY SAUDI ARABIA. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED \$5M FUNDING WITH JORDANIANS BUT THE FOLLOWING INDICATES THAT FUNDS WILL BE DRAWN FROM JAF'S FUDGET:

A. FUNDING WAS ORIGINALLY INCLUDED IN\$10M GRANT AID ADD-ON PACKAGE AND WAS ONLY WITHDRAWN AND DESIGNATED AS FMS CASE AT REQUEST OF DOD (DSAA).

B. IN SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN CHIEF OF STAFF AND DATT, IT APPEARS THAT SAUDIS WILL FINANCE OTHER COMPONENTS OF AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM (HAWK, VULCAN AND POSSIBLY AD COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM AND AD SCHOOL) BUT REDEYE HAS NEVER BEEN INCLUDED.

C. RECENTLY THERE HAS BEEN SOME DELAY IN GETTING
MONEY FOR REDEYE TRANSFERRED FROM JAF ACCOUNTS, THROUGH
CENTRAL BANK, TO ILC. DISCUSSIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS
WERE CONDUCTED IN DATT'S PRESENCE AND ALWAYS INDICATED
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FUNDING WAS SOLELY FROM JAF BUDGET.

2. IF ANY INFO SURFACES TO CONTRARY, WE WILL RELAY. PICKERING	
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